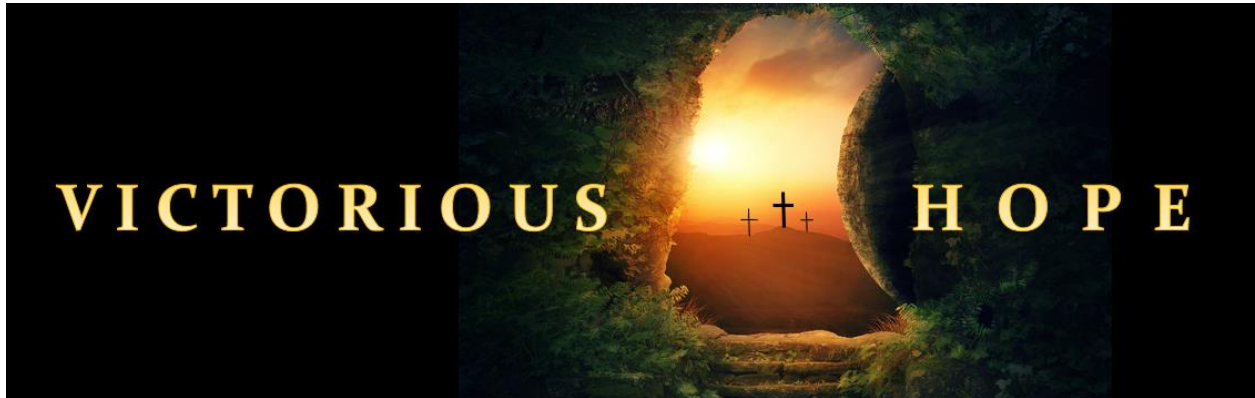


Lesson 4



PRE-CLASS HOMEWORK QUESTION:

Describe a time when you felt victorious for any reason. What made it so special?

I. KNOW. What do the Scriptures say?

A. Stage Setter: Exodus chapters 14-15

1. Ex. 14:1-12. Describe the hopeless situation Israel saw themselves in.
2. Ex. 14:13-31. How did God rescue them?
3. Ex. 15:1-21. What was their response?

B. Who else found victorious hope through God's hand? What did they say about it?

1. Judges chapters 4-5. Name: _____ said:

2. 1 Samuel chapters 1-2. Name: _____ said:

3. Luke 1:46-55. Name: _____ said:

4. Luke 1:67-79. Name: _____ said:

5. Luke 2:25-35. Name: _____ said:

C. From these verses, what did God provide through and in Jesus Christ?

1. Romans 8:31-39.
2. 1 Corinthians 15:50-58.
3. 2 Corinthians 2:14-16.

D. Do I experience the great encouragement Paul expressed in those three verses above? Why or why not?

E. While our one, great hope is eternal life in heaven, what are other benefits of this victorious hope we can enjoy now?

1. Ephesians 1:3.
2. Colossians 2:10.
3. 2 Peter 1:2-4.
4. Romans 8:1, 8:14-18, and 8:26-27.
5. Other verses about these benefits we enjoy now:

II. FEEL.

A. This week: Like Deborah, Hannah, Mary, Zacharias, or Simeon, write out your own son, prayer, or poem about the victory you have in Jesus Christ. We'd love to have you share this on the Nashua Facebook Group page.

B. On the flip side, who or what steals away the feeling of victorious hope in your life? When and why does this happen?

C. From scripture, what or who attacks our feelings of triumph?

1. Matthew 6:25-34
2. Colossians 2:4
3. Colossians 2:8-10
4. Colossians 2:16-23
5. James 4:1-4

D. What vain hopes fail to provide the security of our victorious hope?

1. Psalm 62:10; Matthew 6:19-21; Luke 6:34; Acts 16:19, 24:26.

2. Psalm 33:16-17; Jeremiah 3:23; Acts 27:20.

3. Luke 23:8; James 4:13-16.

4. What worldly, vain hopes take you captive?